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SOLEDAD MOUNTAIN LANDSLIDE UPDATE

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STABILIZATION EFFORTS

Meetings between City officials and construction professionals are taking place to initiate the first phase of construction which will involve stabilizing the landslide so that efforts to rebuild the road can be put into place as soon as possible.

EFFORTS TO DATE

- Crews have drilled through difficult rock conditions on Soledad Mountain Road on the north side of the collapsed roadway in the public right-of-way. A 30-inch-diameter access hole is now 105 feet deep and geotechnical experts are logging data within the subterranean hole.
- Geotechnical consultants have drilled holes ranging in depth from 33 to 107 feet at the top end of the slide area on Soledad Mountain Road and bottom end on Desert View alley, to install inclinometers. Inclinometers are instruments that measure soil movement.
- Multiple inclinometers are currently in use on the site. Several piezometers, instruments test for groundwater, have also been installed.
- Geotechnical experts hired by the homeowners, as well as City-hired experts, continue to record data inside a 33-foot-deep hole dug on private property at the top of the slide above Soledad Mountain Road on the west side of the right-of-way. Geologists are looking for slide planes to determine the cause of the slide.
- City staff and City-hired consultants continue to share their geotechnical data with private geotechnical consultants to determine the most cost-effective methods for repairing damaged roadways and stabilizing the slide area for permanent repairs. This information will also help in determining the cause of the landslide.

City officials remain on site to assist home owners. Information is available on the City's web page at www.sandiego.gov.